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**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

Claims 1-3, 6-11, 13 and 15-38, which were indicated as allowable, are currently pending. Claims 39 and 40, which were rejected, are hereby canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject-matter.

Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are in condition for allowance.

**CONCLUSION**

Please charge any additional fees that may be needed, and credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicants respectfully request early passage to issue of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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